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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Vulnerability of the OXCART Vehicle

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By direction of the Deputy Director (Research) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] C/EAD/OSA, was assigned Project Officer in OSA to coordinate a vulnerability study of the OXCART vehicle. [REDACTED] levied the requirement on OSI to make such a study. I was informed recently that OSI in turn contracted with Hughes to perform a technical vulnerability study of the OXCART vehicle but only at nominal altitude and speed. This study is near completion, and OSI is about to terminate the Hughes contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

That OSI be requested to continue the Hughes contract to incorporate further vulnerability analysis to include the off-nominal situation of the OXCART vehicle's having to go single engine, resulting in the loss of altitude and speed over denied territory.

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